IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with strikethrough. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1-21 in accordance with the following:

1.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A device for reading electronic mails, comprising:

a storing unit storing ~~unread/already~~ unread/already-read information corresponding to each of received electronic mails;

a ~~managing~~ holding unit ~~managing~~ holding a state of "unread," which is determined on the basis of the unread/already-read information, of an electronic mail ~~setting the state of~~ ~~"unread"~~ at a predetermined timing; and

a controller controlling a management of reading of the electronic mail ~~setting~~ with the state of "unread" managed by said ~~managing~~ holding unit.

2.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein said storing unit stores ~~state information indicating a~~ the state of "unread" or a state of "already-read" of a corresponding electronic mail as the unread/already-read information,

said ~~managing~~ holding unit ~~creates~~ holds a list ~~in~~ with which ~~a~~ each electronic mail ~~of~~ ~~which the corresponding state information~~ with the state of "unread" stored in said storing unit at the predetermined timing ~~indicates the state of "unread"~~ is registered; and

said controller executes a process ~~for~~ displaying a registered electronic mail in said list on a display according to a request for reading the registered electronic mail.

3.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A~~ The device according to claim 2, wherein said controller specifies the mail corresponding to the request by use of said list, and displays a body of the specified electronic mail on said display.

4.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A~~ The device according to claim 1, further comprising a display controller displaying a screen for searching the electronic mail managed by said ~~managing~~ holding unit on said display.

5.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A~~ The device according to claim 4, wherein said list

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holds information of the plurality of registered electronic mails in predetermined sort order[[;]].

a pointer is set at any one of the information in said list[[;]], and

said display controller displays the screen ~~for~~ searching an electronic mail registered next to the registered electronic mail corresponding to the information pointed by the pointer and/or a previous electronic mail of the registered electronic mail corresponding to the information pointed by the pointer.

6.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A ~~The~~ device according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined timing is a time point of which reading the body of the electronic mail is requested.

7. · (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A ~~The~~ device according to claim 2, wherein ~~said managing unit deletes~~ said list is deleted on the basis of a request for an end of reading the electronic mail.

8.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A storage medium readable by a computer, tangibly embodying a program executable by the computer to perform a method for causing the computer to function as a device for reading electronic mails, the method comprising:

storing ~~unread/already~~ unread/already-read information corresponding to each of received electronic mails;

~~managing~~ holding a state of "unread," which is determined on the basis of the unread/already-read information, of an electronic mail setting ~~the state of "unread" at a~~ predetermined timing; and

controlling a management of reading of the electronic mail ~~setting~~ with the held state of "unread" ~~managed by said second step~~.

9.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A The storage medium according to claim 8, wherein said storing ~~step~~ stores ~~state information indicating a~~ the state of "unread" or a state of "already-read" of a corresponding electronic mail as the unread/already-read information,

said ~~managing step creates~~ holding holds a list ~~in~~ with which a each electronic mail ~~of which the corresponding state information~~ with the state of "unread" ~~stored in said storing step at the predetermined timing indicates the state of "unread"~~ is registered[[;]], and

said controlling ~~step~~ executes a process ~~for~~ displaying a registered electronic mail in said list on a display according to a request ~~for~~ reading the registered electronic mail.

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10.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A ~~The~~ storage medium according to claim 9, wherein said controlling ~~step~~ specifies the mail corresponding to the request by use of said list, and displays a body of the specified electronic mail on said display.

11.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A ~~The~~ storage medium according to claim 8, further comprising displaying a screen ~~for~~ searching the electronic mail ~~managed by said managing step~~ with the held state of "unread" on said display.

12.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   A ~~The~~ storage medium according to claim 11, wherein said list holds information of the plurality of registered electronic mails in predetermined sort order,
        a pointer is set at any one of the information in said list, and
        said displaying ~~step~~ displays the screen ~~for~~ searching an electronic mail registered next to the registered electronic mail corresponding to the information pointed by the pointer and/or a previous electronic mail of the registered electronic mail corresponding to the information pointed by the pointer.

13.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A~~ The storage medium according to claim 8, wherein the predetermined timing is a time point of which reading the body of the electronic mail is requested.

14.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A~~ The storage medium according to claim 9, wherein said ~~second step deletes~~ said list is deleted on the basis of a request for an end of reading the electronic mail.

15.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for controlling reading electronic mails, comprising:
        storing ~~unread/already~~ unread/already-read information corresponding to each of received electronic mails;
        ~~managing~~ holding a state of "unread," which is determined on the basis of the unread/already-read information, of an electronic mail ~~setting the state of "unread"~~ at a predetermined timing; and
        controlling a management of reading of the electronic mail ~~setting~~ with the held state of "unread." ~~managed by said second step.~~

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16.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A The method according to claim 15, wherein said storing step stores state information indicating a the state of "unread" or a state of "already-read" of a corresponding electronic mail as the unread/already-read Information,

said managing step creates holding holds a list in with which a each electronic mail of which the corresponding state information stored in said storing step with the state of "unread" at the predetermined timing indicates the state of "unread" is registered[[,]], and

said controlling step executes a process for displaying a registered electronic mail in said list on a display according to a request for reading the registered electronic mail.

17.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A The method according to claim 16, wherein said controlling step specifies the mail corresponding to the request by use of said list, and displays a body of the specified electronic mail on said display.

18.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A The method according to claim 15, further comprising displaying a screen for searching the electronic mail managed by said managing step with the held state of "unread" on said display.

19.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A The method according to claim 18, wherein said list holds information of the plurality of registered electronic mails in predetermined sort order,

a pointer is set at any one of the information in said list,

said displaying step displays the screen for searching an electronic mail registered next to the registered electronic mail corresponding to the information pointed by the pointer and/or a previous electronic mail of the registered electronic mail corresponding to the information pointed by the pointer.

20.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A The method according to claim 15, wherein the predetermined timing is a time point of which reading the body of the electronic mail is requested.

21.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A The method according to claim 16, wherein said second step deletes said list is deleted on the basis of a request for an end of reading the electronic mail.

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